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Identical letters dated 26 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, dated 24 August 2015, regarding the deployment of Russian railway troops to the occupied Georgian territory of Abkhazia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the deployment of Russian railway troops to the occupied Georgian territory of Abkhazia

Tbilisi, 24 August 2015

In early August 2015, the Russian occupation regime deployed railway troops to the occupied Georgian region of Abkhazia under the pretext of carrying out "restoration works" over the section of railway from Ochamchire to Enguri.

In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia would like to state that in the recent period the Russian Federation has been repeatedly undertaking provocative actions against Georgia. It is important to note that prior to the open military aggression and intervention in Georgia in August 2008, Russia illegally launched a restoration of the Abkhaz section of the Georgian railway and deployed "railway troops" to the Georgian territory, which was subsequently used effectively for the transportation of Russian troops and equipment during the military aggression.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia condemns yet another such aggressive and provocative action by Moscow and categorically demands that the occupation regime immediately stop the aforesaid illegal activities in the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia also demands that the Russian Federation comply with all fundamental principles of international law, as well as with its international commitments, including those under the ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008, and de-occupy the Georgian territories.

At the same time, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia calls upon the international community to duly assess the illegal policy of Russia directed against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia and take measures to prevent any recurrence of the military aggression of Russia against Georgia.